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OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

Responsive to communication(s) filed on

This action is FINAL

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11-453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 36 days month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133) Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1 - 19 is/are pending in the application.
 Claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.
 Claims 1 - 19 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are approved disapproved.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Telephone or facsimile Patent Application, PTO-1561

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The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 1774.

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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-13 are, drawn to a method to repair/reinforce preexisting structure, classified in class 427, subclass 209.
- II. Claims 14-19 are, drawn to an anisotropic textile, classified in class 428, subclass 297.4.

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The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

Inventions II and I are distinct and separate from each other because Invention I relates to a method for repair/reinforcing preexisting structure while Invention II relates an anisotropic textile.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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a telephone call was made to applicant's attorney, Mr. H. Pitlick on 9-10-01 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

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a facsimile center has been established in Crystal Plaza 3. The hours of operations are Mondays through Friday, 8:45 to 4:45 PM. This new location should be used in all instances when faxing any correspondence to Group 1700. The Patent Examining Fax Center new telecopier numbers are (703) 305-3599 for all After Finals and 703-305-5408 for all others. Use of the new Crystal Plaza 3 center will facilitate rapid delivery of materials to the group. The faxing of all papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 O.G. 30 (November 15, 1989).

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Any inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose number is (703)308-2351.

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Any questions concerning the instant communication should be directed to Examiner Dixon, at 703-308-0013, Mondays to Thursdays, between 12 noon and 6 PM, eastern time.



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